

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Applicants have not amended any of the claims, but have enclosed a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obvious-type double patenting rejections. Applicants believe that no new matter has been added by this response.

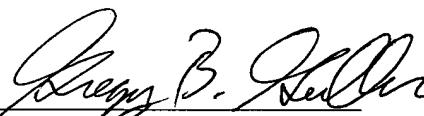
Response to Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,529,829, 6,680,695, 6,466,161 and co-pending application 09/090,716. Applicants are filing terminal disclaimers to overcome the obvious-type double patenting rejection. Thus, claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing submissions, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims 1-20 as presented are in a condition for allowance, for which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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